

Amendments to the Specification:

On page 9, lines 6–22 of the specification, please replace with the following paragraph:

The flow restrictor 54 may be integrated into an output luer 56 that is attached to the filter housing 50 and pressed into the output tube 44. The output luer 56 may have a detachable scaling insert 58 that defines the diameter of the flow restrictor 54. The diameter of the flow restrictor 54 may be varied by inserting a different scaling insert 58. The diameter of the flow restrictor 54 defines the upper limit of the flowrate in the aspiration system (see Fig. 3). The operator can vary the upper flowrate by inserting a different insert 58 and/or luer 56 into the tube assembly 34. By way of example, the flow restrictor 54 may have a diameter between 0.1 and 1.0 millimeters and a length at least 25.4 millimeters. This range will provide the nozzle effect shown in Figures 3 and 4 when fitted with convention aspirationasperation tubing found in medical systems. For example, conventional aspiration tubing diameters may range from 1.52 to 2.54 millimeters.